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FOR S/NM AMBASSADOR VANCE FROM AMBASSADOR OSBORN

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SUBJECT: EA NARCOTICS CONFERENCE

1. WE HAVE BEEN HOPING YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FIND TIME FOR A VISIT TO BURMA AS SOON AS CONVENIENT AFTER THE EA NARCOTICS CONFERENCE IN BANGKOK. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR FAMILIARIZATION WITH THE BURMESE SCENE, AND CERTAINLY IT WOULD BE A PERSONAL PLEASURE FOR ME. IF YOU ARE ABLE TO COME, PLEASE PLAN TO STAY WITH HELENKA AND ME.

2. UNFORTUNATELY WE CAN NEVER PREDICT IN ADVANCE JUST WHAT KIND OF RECEPTION A VISITOR WILL GET FROM THE GUB, ALTHOUGH IT DID GIVE YOUR PREDECESSOR AMBASSADOR HANDLEY A WARM WELCOME. THE PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY WILL BE IN SESSION, PREOCCUPYING GUB MINISTERS AND DEPUTY MINISTERS, UNTIL SOME TIME AFTER MARCH 24. IN ADDITION, THE TWO DAYS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE BANGKOK CONFERENCE (MARCH 27 AND 28) ARE LOCAL HOLIDAYS, SO YOU MAY WANT TO SCHEDULE YOUR VISIT TO RANGOON AFTER THEM. YOU MIGHT, FOR EXAMPLE, WISH TO VISIT PAGAN AND MANDALAY THOSE DAYS, COMING TO RANGOON LATER. OSBORN

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